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SENATE BILL 1005

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE; PROVIDING MINIMUM HEALTH CARE  
BENEFIT OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 13-7-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1997,  
Chapter 74, Section 4) is amended to read:

"13-7-4. MANDATORY CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING.--

A. The publicly funded health care agencies shall  
enter into a cooperative consolidated purchasing effort to  
provide plans of health care benefits for the benefit of  
eligible participants of the respective agencies. The request  
for [~~proposal~~] proposals shall set forth one or more plans of  
health care benefits and shall include accommodation of fully  
funded arrangements as well as varying degrees of self-funded  
pool options.

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1                   B. The publicly funded health care agencies shall  
2 offer to their respective eligible participants lower-cost  
3 health care benefit plan options that provide coverage  
4 comparable with requirements pursuant to the Minimum Healthcare  
5 Protection Act or with coverage comparable to an existing  
6 state-sponsored health coverage plan pursuant to a federal  
7 health insurance flexibility and accountability medicaid waiver  
8 that includes federal, state, employer and employee or  
9 individual premium contributions.

10                   ~~[B-]~~ C. A consolidated purchasing request for  
11 proposals for all health care benefits by the publicly funded  
12 health care agencies shall be issued on or before July 1, 1999  
13 and any contracts for health care benefits renewed or issued on  
14 or after July 1, 2000 shall be the result of consolidated  
15 purchasing.

16                   ~~[G-]~~ D. All requests for proposals issued as part  
17 of the consolidated purchasing shall include at least one  
18 distinct service area consisting of the Albuquerque  
19 metropolitan area. Proposals on a distinct service area shall  
20 be evaluated separately."